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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : **COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING AND PREVENTING  
DIABETES, IMPAIRED GLUCOSE TOLERANCE AND  
RELATED SYMPTOMS, AND METHODS FOR  
PREPARING AND USING SUCH COMPOSITIONS**

Docket No. : 53000/1001

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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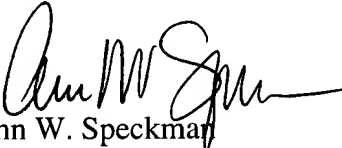
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